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SUBJECT: MBFR: UK DEMARCHE RE EASTERN INITIAL REDUCTION PROPOSAL

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1. UK DELEGATION MBFR OFFICER (BAILES) CALLED ON MISSION OFFICER NOVEMBER 5 CONCERNING PROPOSED AHG STATEMENT ON EASTERN INITIAL REDUCTION PROPOSAL AT NOVEMBER 7 PLENARY. SHE SAID THE UK HAD EXPLAINED ITS VIEWS ON THIS STATEMENT IN WASHINGTON AND BONN, AND THE UK DELEGATION HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS AUTHORIZING IT TO EXPLAIN THE UK VIEW TO THE U.S. AND FRG DELEGATIONS AT NATO.

2. BAILES SAID THAT THE UK WAS CONCERNED THAT THE STATMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER 7 PLENARY PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE AHG, AND SUPPORTED BY U.S. AND FRG, WOULD APPEAR TO THE OTHER SIDE A FLAT REJECTION OF THE EASTERN PROPOSAL. UK DID NOT BELIEVE ALLIES NEEDED TO MAKE FULL RESPONSE TO EASTERN PROPOSAL

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ONLY ONE WEEK AFTER ITS FORMAL INTRODUCTION BY THE USSR AT THE OCTOBER 31 PLENARY. SOVIETS APPEAR TO ATTACH GREAT WEIGHT TO THIS PROPOSAL AND ALLIES SHOULD GIVE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE SERIOUSLY EXAMINING IT. THIS

WOULD NOT IMPLY IN ANY WAY ALLIED WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT IT.

3. BAILES SAID IT WOULD NOT BOTHER UK IF NOVEMBER 7 PLENARY STATEMENT DID NOT MENTION EASTERN INITIAL REDUCTION PROPOSAL AT ALL. IF AHG DOES WISH TO ADDRESS EASTERN PROPOSAL IN THE PLENARY STATEMENT, THEN AHG SHOULD LABEL THE STATEMENT AS A "PRELIMINARY RESPONSE", AND STATEMENT SHOULD NOT REJECT THE PROPOSAL. SHE SAID LONDON HAD SENT INSTRUCTIONS ALONG THESE LINES TO UK REP ON AHG FOR NOVEMBER 5 AHG MEETING.

4. BAILES STRESSED THAT LONDON DID NOT DISAGREE WITH THE AHG ASSESSMENT OF THE EASTERN PROPOSAL (REF A). MISSION OFFICER INQUIRED TO WHAT EXTENT UK AGREED WITH AHG ASSESSMENT. BAILES REPLIED THAT AHG ASSESSMENT SET OUT THE POSITIVE AS WELL AS THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF THE EASTERN PROPOSAL, WHICH DESERVES FURTHER THOUGHT BY THE ALLIES. SHE OBSERVED, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, THAT LONDON DOES NOT CONSIDER THE PRESENT ALLIED PHASING APPROACH TO BE SACROSANCT, IF ITS MODIFICATION WOULD HELP GAIN THE COMMON CEILING. MISSION OFFICER NOTED (WITH REF B IN MIND) THAT THE U.S. DID NOT WANT TO REJECT THE EASTERN PROPOSAL OUTRIGHT BUT RATHER TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ASPECTS. MISSION RECEIVED REF C AFTER THE CALL OF UK DELEGATION OFFICER. MCAULIFFE

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